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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: DRAFTS OF US-SINGAPORE AIR TRANSPORT
AGREEMENT

REF: SINGAPORE 0869

1. DEPT. AGREES TO DROP SECTION C(2) OF ANNEX. EMBASSY
SHOULD, HOWEVER, REITERATE TO GOS THAT USG CONTINUES TO
ASSUME CHANGE OF GAUGE PERMISSABLE UNDER AGREEMENT IN VIEW
OF FTL PRECEDENT.

2. REGARDING FOOTNOTES, DEPT. FINDS GOS' FORM OF FOOTNOTE
2 TO BE AWKWARD AS IT REFERS TO ANOTHER FOOTNOTE. THERE-
FORE, IT SUGGESTS DROPPING FOOTNOTE 2 AND MODIFYING FOOT-
NOTE 1 TO AVOID PROBLEM SEEN BY GOS. TEXT OF FOOTNOTE 1

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WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE 1. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FLIGHTS
CARRYING TRAFFIC BETWEEN THESE POINTS AND SINGAPORE, TAKEN
TOGETHER, SHALL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN THREE COM-
BINATION AND THREE ALL-CARGO ROUNDTRIP FLIGHTS PER WEEK
UNTIL MARCH 31, 1979, FOUR COMBINATION AND FOUR ALL-CARGO
ROUNDTRIP FLIGHTS PER WEEK BETWEEN APRIL 1, 1979, AND

MARCH 31, 1980, AND FIVE COMBINATION AND FIVE ALL-CARGO
ROUNDTrip FLIGHTS PER WEEK THEREAFTER. POINTS IN KOREA
AND THAILAND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE FOREGOING ALL-CARGO
FLIGHTS. END QUOTE. IN THIS CASE, FOOTNOTES 3 AND 4,
REFERRING TO SECTION B(1), WOULD CHANGE TO 2 AND 3,
RESPECTIVELY.

3. REGARDING PARAGRAPH D OF ARTICLE 11 (GROUND HANDLING),
DEPT. RECOGNIZES THAT GOS WILL NOT ACCEPT STRENGTHENING
OF LANGUAGE AND ACCEPTS GOS PROPOSED WORDING, WHICH FOLLOWS
THAT OF ORIGINAL MOC. HOWEVER, DEPT. CONCERNED THAT GOS
WILL SIMPLY IGNORE INTENT OF PARAGRAPH D AND THAT ITS
INCLUSION IN AGREEMENT WILL TURN INTO PAPER EXERCISE.
THEREFORE, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEND LETTER TO
APPROPRIATE GOS AUTHORITIES WHICH REPEATS USG EXPECTATION
THAT GOS WILL PROVIDE US AIRLINES WITH FLEXIBILITY THEY
REQUIRE TO ACHIEVE ECONOMICAL GROUND HANDLING. LETTER
SHOULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: QUOTE: THE US GOVERN-
MENT IS PLEASED THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REACH
AGREEMENT OVER SEVERAL EDITORIAL CHANGES IN THE DRAFT
BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, THE US GOVERN-
MENT WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SINGAPORE
GOVERNMENT ITS CONCERN REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE AGREEMENT'S PARAGRAPH D OF ARTICLE 11. THE US
GOVERNMENT EXPECTS THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT WILL SERIOUSLY
CONSIDER ITS OBLIGATION UNDER THAT PARTICULAR PARAGRAPH,
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AND ASSUMES THAT THE QUALIFICATION IN PARAGRAPH D, I.E.
"THE US AIRLINES SHOULD TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE
BE PERMITTED FLEXIBILITY IN GROUND HANDLING", MEANS THAT
US AIRLINES, IN FACT, CAN ANTICIPATE MEASURES BY THE
SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL EFFECTIVELY GIVE THEM
SIGNIFICANT FLEXIBILITY IN GROUND HANDLING. END QUOTE.

4. DEPT. CONCURS WITH EMBASSY'S INTENT TO CABLE FINAL
VERSION OF AGREEMENT AND ANNEX TO DEPT. FOR FINAL CHECK.
HOWEVER, POST MAY WISH TO INVESTIGATE SENDING VIA US AIR-
LINES, COMPANY MAIL, TO AVOID LENGTHY CABLE. VANCE

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